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Re Application of: **Ron CRAIK**

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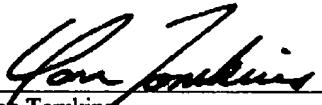
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR STORING AND
RETRIEVING EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND
MAINTENANCE DATA**

Art Unit: **2143**

Examiner: **Avellino, Joseph E.**

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 23, 2004**

April 16, 2005

TO: **Commissioner for Patents**
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(A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

1. Amendment Filed With Petition for Three-Month Extension

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004. The three-month shortened statutory period for reply ended on March 23, 2005, 2004, and the present amendment is being filed during the first month following the expiry of the shortened statutory period. Accordingly, the present amendment is accompanied by a petition for a one-month extension pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Amendments to the Application

Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments in accordance with the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper, and consideration of the related remarks and arguments set out beginning on page 11 of this paper.

3. Excess Claim Fees

The present amendments add one (1) independent claim and 4 dependent claims. The application as originally filed contained a total of 20 claims, including 2 independent claims. Accordingly, Applicant encloses a Fee Transmittal indicating that excess claim fees of \$125.00 are payable in respect of the present amendments.

4. Credit Card Payment

Applicant encloses a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the aforesaid one-month extension fee [\$60.00] and excess claim fees [\$125.00].